

Lincoln County School District

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Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media**

(Student may possess a personal electronic device with certain restrictions)

Student possession or use of personal electronic devices on district property, in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the principal and approved by the superintendent.

A "personal electronic device (PED)" is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

"Independent communication" means communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device.

Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities or violate school rules. Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes ~~while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee. Computers, tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to academic activities and independent communications.~~ *→ during the school day.*

Hold over from B.Y.O.D. ~~If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices, for curriculum.~~

A process for responding to a student's request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal *for a student's individual needs or a specific educational outcome (e.g. special education, 504, translation, medical),* process if the request is denied, will be provided.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites.

~~Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior principal or designee approval or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).~~

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, ~~illegal, or violates the terms of this policy~~^{of}. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released to the student's parent or property owner, as appropriate.

The superintendent shall ensure that the Board's policy and any subsequent school rules developed by building administrators are reviewed and approved in advance to ensure consistency with this policy and that pertinent provisions of policy and school rules are communicated to staff, students and parents through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101- 1332; 19 C.F.R. Part 133 (2006).

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Executive order.*

¹The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.

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Students may use and possess personal electronic devices on district grounds subject to the following:

1. Personal electronic devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rules;
2. Personal electronic devices shall be turned off ^{and stored, as determined by building procedures, during the school day.} during instructional or class time or at any other time ~~where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities or violate school rules. The building principal or designee may authorize the use of personal electronic devices for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger. Personal electronic devices may be used during the student's lunch break and between classes if authorized by the school principal and/or allowed by school rules. They may not be used at any time in the proximity of any class, school activity or event that may be in session or in progress during those times;~~
3. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee;
4. The district will not be liable for loss, theft or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
5. Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
6. Personal electronic devices may be used as academic tools during the school day ~~if authorized by the building principal or designee, if permission is received from the student's teacher, or if provided as a part of a student's individualized education plan (IEP);~~ ^{for a student's individual needs or a specific educational outcome (e.g. special education, 504, translation).}
7. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that is academically dishonest, contributes to academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
8. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
9. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the building principal and classroom rules as approved by the building principal concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;

10. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned into school administration or their designee, and released to the student, parent or property owner, as appropriate;
11. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made;

~~12. Teachers may authorize or deny student use of personal electronic devices as necessary for academic and curricular needs for classes under their supervision;~~

12. ~~13.~~ Student requests to use a personal electronic device shall be made directly to their classroom teacher(s). If denied, students may appeal to their building principal. If the student is not satisfied with the principal's decision, they may appeal the decision using the procedures outlined in Lincoln County School District policy KL-AR (Public Complaints).
- for a student's individual needs or a specific educational outcome (e.g. special education, 504, translation, medical)*